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| Group Art Unit | 3834 2157 |
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/434338 filed on 11/4/1999, entitled
System, Device, and Method for Supporting Virtual Private Networks in A Label Switched Communications
Network

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATION: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gas. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d).
 - ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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| CLAIMS | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
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| | TOTAL CLAIMS | 60 - 20* = | 40 | X \$ 18 = | \$ 720.00 |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 5 - 3** = | 2 | X \$ 84 = | 168. ⁰⁰ |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | + \$ 290 = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16) | \$750.00 |
| | | | | Total of above Calculations = | 1638. ⁰⁰ |
| | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27). | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| | * Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | | | | |
| | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent. | | | TOTAL = | 1638. ⁰⁰ |

6. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2002, please enter the below remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are pending in this Application. Reconsideration and re-examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Drawings

The Drawings were objected to. The Office Action requires that a proposed drawing correction be submitted with this Response. However, no particular objection to the Drawings was cited in the Office Action. The Applicant's Attorney requests clarification. The Applicant's Attorney can be reached at the below phone number, or at msteubing@charter.net.